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PLACER COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

Creekview Ranch Middle School
8779 Cook Riolo Road, Roseville, CA 95747
May 10, 2011

5:00 PM *Meet at Creekview Ranch Middle School - Library
8779 Cook Riolo Road, Roseville, CA 95747*

*Welcome By Gordon Medd, Assistant Superintendent, Dry
Creek Joint Unified School District*

Dry Creek Community Facilities District

Approved Specific Plans in Dry Creek Area

5:30 PM *Tour Dry Creek Area Existing and Proposed Recreation
Facilities*

*Creekview Middle School and Proposed Exchange Parcel
Adjacent to Dry Creek*

Cook Riolo Bridge Replacement and Trail

Dry Creek Open Space and Trail

Morgan Creek Tot Lot

Dry Creek Community Park Site

Walerga Road Bridge Replacement and Trail

Doyle Ranch Park and adjacent Open Space/Trails

Dry Creek Elementary School Exchange Parcel

Walerga Road Median Landscaping

Sabre City Park

Softball Field

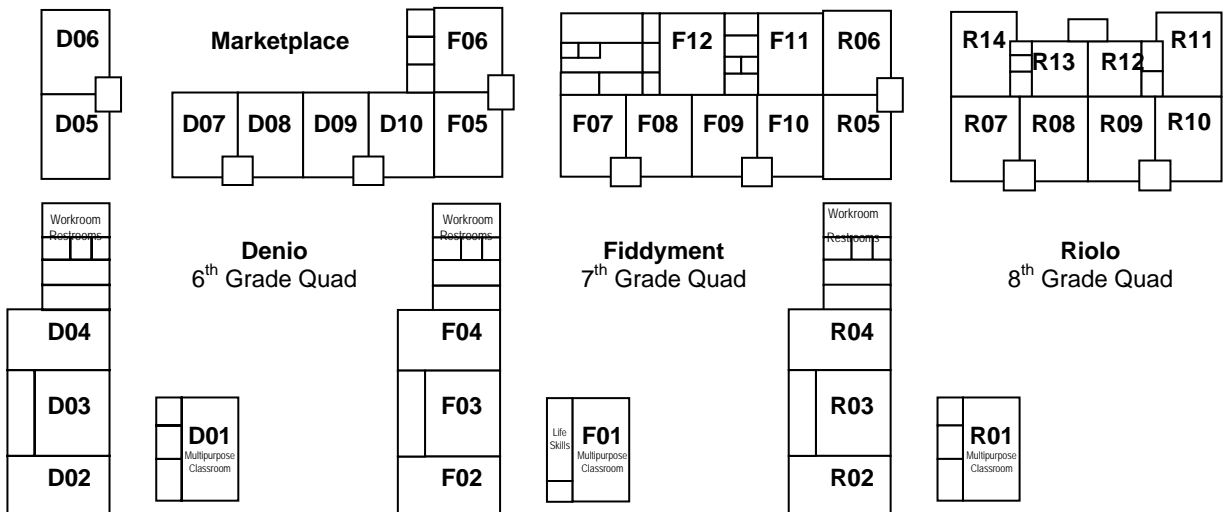
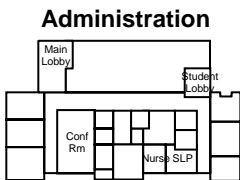
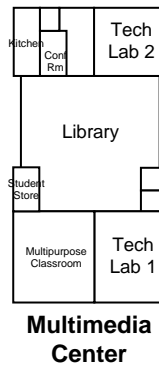
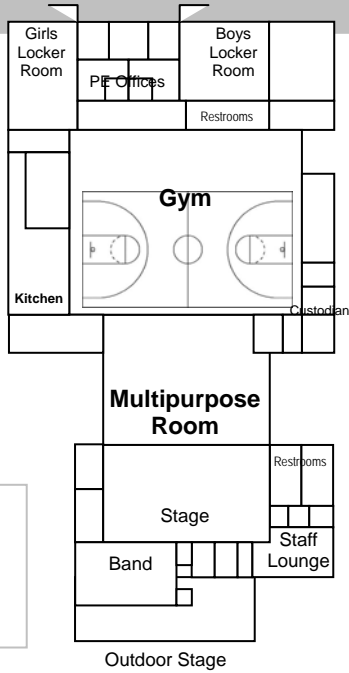
Track and Playfield



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Blacktop Area

Bus Zone



MEETING AGENDA
PLACER COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

Creekview Ranch Middle School – Library
8779 Cook Riolo Road, Roseville, CA 95747
May 10, 2011 at 7:00 PM

- I. Approval of the Agenda for May 10, 2011
- II. Approval of the Amended Minutes from January 25, 2011
- III. Approval of the Minutes for March 1, 2011
- IV. Public Comment

Any member of the public may address the Parks Commission on any matter not listed on the agenda. Comments may be limited to three (3) minutes per person at the discretion of the Chairman.

- V. Park Dedication Fee and Fund Analysis Reports
- VI. Non-Action Items
 - A. Sheridan Park Property Acquisition
 - B. Amgen Tour of California in Squaw Valley

- VII. Action Items
 - A. Park Dedication Fee Requests
 - 1. County Parks Division
 - a. \$65,000 from Recreation Area #3, City of Colfax, for Enhancements to a Watershed Parcel at the Bear River Campground
 - B. Letter of Support from the County Parks Commission for the County's acquisition of a Watershed Parcel at the Bear River Campground

- VIII. Commissioner Comments
- IX. Next Parks Commission Meeting
- X. Adjournment

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PLACER COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION
Department of Facility Services, Lunsford Room
2855 2nd Street, Auburn CA 95603

MINUTES
January 25, 2011

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Chairman Gilman called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Gilman, Bill Bisharat, Dave Tooker, Rich Murray, Cheryl Bly-Chester, Duane Whitelaw, Jim Ricker

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Rideout, Andy Fisher, Dianna Baird

- I. ELECTION OF PARKS COMMISSION CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND SECRETARY
MOTION carried: to keep officers for their second term. Chair, Gilman; Vice Chair, Dave Tooker & Treasurer, Richard Murray (**Whitelaw / Bly-Chester / All**).
- II. APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 25, 2011
MOTION carried: to approve the Agenda as submitted. (**Bisharat / Tooker / All**)
- III. APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2010
MOTION carried: as submitted. (**Whitelaw / Bisharat / All**).
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT no comment.
- V. PARK DEDICATION FEE AND FUND ANALYSIS REPORTS
Andy Fisher reviewed the analysis reports focusing on the funding status for North Tahoe /Martis Valley and its \$18M nine-mile paved trail extending from Truckee town limits through Brockway summit to the top of Highway 267. Andy further reviewed the funding status of the North Tahoe Public Utilities District, Dry Creek – West Placer and Serene Lakes projects. Andy answered questions. Andy also introduced a Municipal Advisory Committee recently formed to service the Serene Lakes area.
- VI. ACTION ITEMS
 - A. **Meadow Vista Trails Association:** Andy Fisher introduced Claudia Booth and Chris Sihner who presented a PowerPoint presentation covering the history, membership and non-profit status of their organization and reviewed features of their website including descriptions of the trails they're currently working on. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Gilman presented a Resolution acknowledging and thanking the volunteers of the Meadow Vista Trails Association for their service in maintaining public multiple-use trails in the Meadow Vista community. This was presented with unanimous approval by roll call vote of the Commissioners. **Motion approved** to sign the Resolution (**Bisharat / Bly-Chester / All**).
 - B. **Revisions to the County Parks Ordinances:** Mark Rideout presented the proposed modifications to the County Park Ordinance. The proposed modifications include an extension to Non-County owned properties being maintained by County staff and Resolutions addressing properties subject to

County of Placer Park Regulations and the establishment of a fee schedule for Placer County Park Facilities. Mark introduced a new Map Book item that may be included in the ordinance showing boundary maps of all Parks facilities.

Chairman Gilman commented on separating out of ordinance into resolutions for the purpose to keep better track of properties. He recommended the fee schedule should be addressed sooner than later.

Mark requested the Commissioners recommend the modifications to the Board of Supervisors. Discussion ensued and the Commissioners recommended the document be amended to include discussion items.

~~**Motion approved** to recommend that the County Board of Supervisors approve the proposed modifications. (Tooker / Ricker / All); **Motion amended** to include changes to the modifications as discussed. **Tooker / Ricker / All).**~~

Motion approved to recommend that the County Board of Supervisors approve the proposed modifications to the County Park Ordinance; and, Adopt a Resolution designating parks, trails and open space areas where the County Park Ordinance applies and giving the Director of Facility Services the authority to perform the following actions: a. Maintain an inventory of park properties and boundary maps; b. Initiate revisions by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors; and, Adopt a Resolution establishing a Fee Schedule for Placer County Park Facilities and giving the Director of Facility Services the authority to initiate revisions to said Fee Schedule by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors. **(Tooker / Ricker / All).**

Motion amended to include the following verbiage: Under 12.24.030 B, remove "all" and "shall;" Restrict Green Valley Trail Head parking only from dawn to dusk; Under 112.24..010 J Fires: 1.Change wording, "when signs are posted" to "No fires are allowed in listed facilities; Staff to review the list of public recreation areas for applicability and modify as necessary. **(Tooker / Ricker /All).**

VII. NON ACTION ITEMS

- A. Bruin Ranch Acquisition: Andy Fisher updated the Commissioners of the Bruin Ranch acquisition in December 2010.
- B. Foresthill Backstop and Fencing Project: Mark Rideout informed the Commission of the progress of the design contract for the Foresthill backstop and fencing project.

VIII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Tooker commended Parks staff for the important work they do in finding ways to improve and construct parks and park facilities. Commissioner Bly-Chester was thankful that she was able to meet ex-Commissioner Calvert. Commissioner Gilman expressed the value in touring parks projects and looks forward to the spring tour. Commissioner Whitelaw is hopeful that, under certain circumstances, the Park Dedication fees may be used for planning purposes.

Andy Fisher commended Dianna Baird for her work on updating and modifying the Parks and Grounds web pages.

IX. NEXT PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

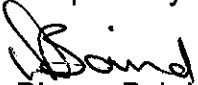
The next Parks Commission meeting is tentatively set for March 1, 2011.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM

MOTION approved to adjourn the meeting (**Bisharat / Bly-Chester / All**).

Respectfully submitted,



Dianna Baird
Parks Secretary

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PLACER COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION
Department of Facility Services, Lunsford Room
2855 2nd Street, Auburn CA 95603

MINUTES
March 1, 2011

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Chairman Gilman called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Gilman, Bill Bisharat, Dave Tooker, Rich Murray, Greg Fayard, Duane Whitelaw, Jim Ricker

STAFF PRESENT: John Ramirez, Dianna Baird

- I. APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR MARCH 1, 2011
MOTION approved as amended to add Resolution for Past Commissioners to the Agenda. **(Bisharat / Tooker / All)**
- II. APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 25, 2011
MOTION approved as amended to summarize modifications to the Revisions to Parks Ordinances as suggested by Commissioners. **(Ricker / Gilman / All).**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT
Sherri Wicks from Foresthill recommended the Parks Commission meeting Agendas be placed on the County Website.

John Ramirez introduced District 1 Parks Commissioner, Greg Fayard.

- IV. PARK DEDICATION FEE AND FUND ANALYSIS REPORTS
John Ramirez reviewed the analysis reports focusing on the funding status for Tahoe City Public Utility District Water Service project. John further reviewed the funding status of Loomis Basin, Granite Bay Area and Dry Creek – West Placer projects. John reported that the 34-Acre Dry Creek Community Park will be out to bid in June with construction beginning this year. John answered questions.

Commissioners requested periodic reports on the status of projects which have Park Dedication Fee commitments over several years.

- V. PARK DEDICATION FEE REQUESTS
 - A. **Auburn Recreation District:**
 1. **\$65,000 from Recreation Area #5, Meadow Vista / Auburn Recreation Area for a Playground at Recreation Park in Auburn:** John Ramirez briefly reviewed the request from Auburn Recreation District for funds to build playground at Recreation Park in Auburn.

John introduced ARD's District Administrator, Kahl Muscott. Kahl informed the Commissioners that one of two playgrounds at Recreation Park suffered from an act of arson destroying the playground structure last August. He explained the need to replace the playground in a timely manner to make the playground available for children and to take advantage of significant savings being offered

by Game Time, a playground manufacturer.

Commissioner Gilman advised Kahl of an error in ARD's Capital Improvement Project List as provided in the Agenda Packet. The second note at the bottom of the page, "...Does not account for \$150,000 loss to Hidden Falls" needs to be amended to read, "Does not account for \$150,000 contribution to Hidden Falls."

MOTION carried to approve staff's recommendation for \$65,000 of Park Dedication Fees from Recreation Area #5 for a playground at Recreation Park in Auburn. **(Tooker / Bisharat / Unanimous)**

B. Placer County Parks Division:

1. \$59,000 from Recreation Area #4, Foresthill / Todd Valley Recreation Area for Safety Improvements to the Little League Field at Foresthill Leroy E.

Botts Memorial Park: John thanked Commissioner Murray, Kevin Raymond and the volunteers for their volunteer efforts at Foresthill Leroy E. Botts Memorial Park.

John reviewed a PowerPoint presentation showing the above mentioned baseball field and its neighboring fence line. Discussion ensued to consider alternate solutions. Commissioner Bisharat suggested netting be placed over home plate during the interim until the improvement project is in place. John mentioned that the Foresthill Divide Little League would like to be included in design and updated as the project progresses. Commissioner Murray expressed his position as proponent and advocate of the improvement project. John answered questions. Discussion ensued.

John reported the Foresthill Forum wanted to see the results of opened bids before the Commissioners provide a recommendation. Commissioner Gilman said that request was highly unusual and would delay the project. He suggested the Parks Commission make a recommendation independent of Foresthill Forum. John said he would meet with community representatives to get their input on the project and then present this request to the Foresthill Forum before bringing the request to the Board of Supervisors.

MOTION carried to approve staff's recommendation for \$59,000 from Recreation Area #4 for safety improvements to the Little League Field at Foresthill Leroy E. Botts Memorial Park. **(Murray / Bisharat / all)**

VI. RESOLUTION FOR PAST COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gilman suggested staff prepare a Resolution for past Commissioners thanking them for their contributions. He suggested the first Resolution be presented to past Commissioner Bly-Chester at an informal setting such as dinner at a restaurant. Commissioner Whitelaw suggested a policy be adopted where the Parks Commissioners recognize retiring Commissioners by various means depending upon their duration of service. John Ramirez offered to draft a "guideline" outlining suggested parameters.

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Fayard felt the meeting was conducted in an efficient manner. He anticipates becoming familiar with parks facilities and looks forward to scheduled tours. Commissioner Ricker expressed that he is beginning to understand the depth and breadth of the Parks Commission. Commissioner Whitelaw expressed gratitude in the Commissioners willingness to meet early. Commissioner Murray indicated he'd like to tour the expansion property at the Hidden Falls Regional Park. He thanked the Commissioners and Staff for supporting the requested work on the baseball field improvement project at the Foresthill Leroy E. Botts Memorial Park.

John Ramirez mentioned an upcoming Press Event (March 16, 2011) in Granite Bay for the grant received for field improvements at the Ronald L. Feist Park baseball field and invited all to attend.

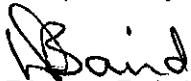
VIII. NEXT PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

The next Parks Commission meeting is tentatively set for May 10, 2011 with a request to tour more facilities.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Dianna Baird
Parks Secretary

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PARK DEDICATION FEES FUND ANALYSIS - FUND #39900
BALANCES AS OF MARCH 31, 2011

DESCRIPTION	AREA	CASH BALANCE	CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS REPORT	COMMITMENT	NET BALANCE AVAILABLE
N. TAHOE PUD & MARTIS VALLEY	6801	\$2,374,140.36	\$7,311.16	\$1,500,000.00	\$874,140.36
TAHOE CITY PUD	6802	\$383,043.61	\$5,087.71	\$72,427.00	\$310,616.61
CITY OF COLFAX	6803	\$99,113.51	\$305.22	\$0.00	\$99,113.51
FORESTHILL-TODD VALLEY	6804	\$59,495.05	\$183.22	\$59,000.00	\$495.05
M. V./AUBURN AREA	6805	\$188,015.04	(\$167,430.36)	\$75,000.00	\$113,015.04
CITY OF LINCOLN	6806	\$46,654.43	\$8,149.57	\$0.00	\$46,654.43
LOOMIS BASIN	6807	\$43,906.43	\$2,981.57 *	\$555,742.70	\$0.00
CITY OF ROCKLIN	6808	\$7,458.16	\$22.97	\$0.00	\$7,458.16
CITY OF ROSEVILLE	6809	\$21,142.50	\$65.11	\$0.00	\$21,142.50
GRANITE BAY AREA	6810	\$48,933.23	\$7,967.93 *	\$555,742.70	\$0.00
SHERIDAN AREA	6811	\$16,010.94	\$49.30	\$0.00	\$16,010.94
DUTCH FLAT CSA #9	6812	\$58,506.23	\$180.17	\$0.00	\$58,506.23
DRY CREEK-WEST PLACER	6813	\$2,052,546.96	(\$193,389.59)	\$1,600,000.00	\$452,546.96
BEAR RIVER-APPLEGATE AREA	6814	\$155,266.64	\$3,763.16	\$0.00	\$155,266.64
OPHIR/NEWCASTLE	6815	\$23,799.91	\$3,504.85	\$0.00	\$23,799.91
SERENE LAKES	6816	\$443,095.63	\$1,364.51	\$150,000.00	\$293,095.63
		\$6,021,128.63	(\$319,883.50)	\$4,567,912.40	\$2,471,861.97

*Any PDF coming into Areas #7 & #10 go directly to Franklin School Park
per BOS meeting on June 26, 2007 until loan is paid.

*Area 7 cash balance includes \$680,000 loan from Capital Projects Fund 7/01/07

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PROJECTS WHICH HAVE FUNDS COMMITTED

AREA	LOCATION	PROJECT	DATE COMMITTED	AMOUNT COMMITTED	BALANCE REMAINING	TOTAL COMMITTED
1	North Tahoe PUD & Martis Valley	Martis Valley Regional Trail Construction	4/21/2009	\$1,500,000.00	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>	\$1,500,000.00
2	Tahoe City PUD	Squaw Valley Tahoe City Rec Water Service, Hydrant, Fountain	9/26/2008	\$72,427.00	<u>\$72,427.00</u>	\$72,427.00
3	Colfax			\$0.00	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$0.00
4	Foresthill/Todd Valley	Safety Improvements- Little League Field at FH Leroy E. Botts Park	3/1/2011	\$59,000.00	<u>\$59,000.00</u>	\$59,000.00
5	Meadow Vista - Auburn Area	Rubber Surfacing for the Play Structure at North Park in Auburn	4/21/2009	\$75,000.00	<u>\$75,000.00</u>	\$75,000.00
6	City of Lincoln				<u>\$0.00</u>	\$0.00
7	Loomis Basin	Franklin School Park	7/1/2007	\$680,000.00	<u>\$555,742.70</u>	\$555,742.70
8	City of Rocklin				<u>\$0.00</u>	\$0.00
9	City of Roseville				<u>\$0.00</u>	\$0.00
10	Granite Bay Area	Franklin School Park	7/31/2005	\$680,000.00	<u>\$555,742.70</u>	\$555,742.70
11	Sheridan				<u>\$0.00</u>	\$0.00
12	Dutch Flat			\$0.00	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$0.00
13	Dry Creek - West Placer	Dry Creek Community Park	7/1/2007	\$2,000,000.00	<u>\$1,600,000.00</u>	\$1,600,000.00
14	Bear River-Applegate Area				<u>\$0.00</u>	\$0.00
15	Ophir-Newcastle Area				<u>\$0.00</u>	\$0.00
16	Serene Lakes	Overland Emigrant Trail	2/10/2009	\$150,000.00	<u>\$150,000.00</u>	\$150,000.00
						<u>\$4,567,912.40</u>

**MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES
COUNTY OF PLACER**

To: **PLACER COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION** Date: **MAY 10, 2011**

From: **MARK RIDEOUT / JOHN RAMIREZ**

Subject: **PARK DEDICATION FEE REQUEST OF THE COUNTY PARKS DIVISION
FOR ENHANCEMENTS TO THE BEAR RIVER CAMPGROUND**

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION: Recommend the County Board of Supervisors approve the request of the County Parks Division for \$65,000 of County Park Dedication Fees from Recreation Area #3, City of Colfax Recreation Area, for enhancements to the Bear River Campground if the County is successful in acquiring a portion of the property that the County currently leases from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E).

BACKGROUND: The Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council (Stewardship Council) is a private nonprofit organization created in 2004 to conserve and dispose of over 140,000 acres of lands belonging to PG&E after the utility's bankruptcy reorganization. The Stewardship Council has developed a land conservation plan that identifies these lands and affirms its pledge to conserve and improve them pursuant to a Settlement Agreement and Stipulation.

These PG&E sites include some of California's most ecologically rich and endangered watersheds, and work of the Stewardship Council will preserve the largest amount of land by any single program in decades. Qualified nonprofit conservation organizations; federal, state or local governmental entities; and recognized tribes will be considered to receive donations of the properties.

The Placer County Parks Division has applied to the Stewardship Council to acquire approximately 15 acres of land, which is currently a part of the Bear River Campground through a lease with PG&E (the Property). This area represents the westerly portion of a 21-acre watershed lands parcel, which is bisected by the Bear River Canal. Given the physical barrier imposed by the canal, staff is applying for only the area that the County currently utilizes.

The Bear River Campground is located at 2550 Campground Road in Colfax, and the entire site is comprised of 207 contiguous acres. The County leases 192 acres from the State of California, and has leased the Property from PG&E since 1973. Parks Division workers provide day-to-day maintenance along with volunteers from the local community. The Bear River Campground offers family and group campsites, day use areas, five miles of multiple-use trails and several access points to the scenic Bear River. The Bear River provides recreational opportunities for fishing, rafting, swimming and gold panning. The Bear River Campground provides a wonderful opportunity for local services clubs, Boy and Girl Scout Troops, and schools to volunteer to do projects to enhance the park while protecting the resources for the future.

In prior years, the Parks Division used the Property to provide a residence for a caretaker and a water filtration treatment plant. The caretaker occupied approximately one acre of the Property with a mobile home, two sheds, and various other improvements related to the residence. The caretaker no longer resides on the Property and the land is now vacant.

The Stewardship Council will recommend the donation of watershed lands when it is demonstrated by an organization that such a donation will contribute to the preservation and enhancement of the six beneficial public values (BPVs) that it defined: *Habitat Protection, Preservation of Open Space, Outdoor Public Recreation, Sustainable Forestry, Agricultural Uses, and Cultural and Historic Resources.*

Recommendations by the Stewardship Council will also be based on the following considerations:

- The organization is primarily interested in preserving and enhancing the BPVs;
- The organization has a history of responsible financial management and demonstrates the financial ability to carry out activities necessary to preserve and enhance the BPVs;
- The organization brings funding to achieve PG&E's current baseline land management activities;
- Land conveyance will result in improved management of the land for the BPVs;
- Ownership of the land by the recipient enhances the organization's ability to secure additional funding to support management as well as the preservation and enhancement of the BPVs;
- The organization has experience managing lands with similar resources and uses, as well as preserving and enhancing values similar to the BPVs.

The first step in the process, that the County is pursuing, was for qualified organizations to prepare and submit a statement of qualifications. After submitting the statement of qualifications, Placer County was successful in receiving an invitation to submit a Land Stewardship Proposal describing the County's proposal to preserve and manage the watershed lands.

Fee-title ownership of the Property will provide Placer County with the opportunity to make several improvements to the site that will immediately enhance the BPVs offered at the Bear River Campground. Ownership of the Property would allow the County to justify expending one-time financial resources to restore the PG&E watershed parcel to a more natural condition, provide for enhanced public access and recreational opportunities through trails, interpretive features, and related amenities, and protect the site from the potential for future development. Ownership would also give the County long-term flexibility in the management and development of this recreational resource.

If the County is successful in acquiring the Property, several short-term and potential long-term enhancements have been proposed:

- In order to enhance the natural habitat, the area of the former caretaker's residence will be restored to a more natural condition. To do this, Placer County would remove one of the two buildings that are on the site, re-grade the area so it follows more natural contours, and remove miscellaneous items such as electrical and water pipes and outdated signs.
- The existing asphalt road beginning at Bear River Campground Road heading east to the former caretaker's residence is currently closed to the public and only used by park maintenance personnel. This road will be converted to serve as a hard surfaced multi-purpose trail for the public's enjoyment. The hard surfaced trail would be about 100 yards long.
- When reaching the end of the hard surfaced trail, the Parks Division will work hand-in-hand with volunteers to convert the former residence and yard to a picnic and rest area. Benches will be strategically placed to take advantage of the scenery.
- From this picnic and trail rest area, volunteers will construct a natural surfaced trail continuing eastward parallel to the Pinecroft Spill Channel. The trail running alongside the Pinecroft Spill Channel will offer visitors scenic views as it meanders through the dense forest. Most of this native surfaced trail would be constructed on a relatively flat grade so that a majority of visitors will be able to enjoy the passive recreational experience.
- Signs will be posted directing the public along the trail route and providing information on allowable and prohibited uses of the site. The signage will allow rules to be enforced so that the site is managed in a safe manner and remains attractive.
- At the end of the native surfaced trail, a potential future improvement could be a bridge crossing the Pinecroft Spill Channel. If constructed, this bridge would allow for the trail to connect to the existing five mile trail network located to the south of the Pinecroft Spill Channel. Benches would be placed along the trail for hikers to rest and enjoy snacks while enjoying the natural environment.
- An interpretive kiosk would be constructed by the California Conservation Corps (CCC's), if they are available. The CCC's have constructed several interpretive kiosks throughout the Placer County Park system. In order to fit in with its surroundings, the kiosk would be made of wood and the style will be patterned after the interpretive kiosks found in Yosemite National Park. The kiosk will contain information on the flora and fauna of the area and interpretive and educational materials.

The cost estimate for these enhancements is \$82,000. It is proposed that \$65,000 of this cost come from County Park Dedication Fees from Recreation Area #3, the City of Colfax Recreation Area; volunteers will contribute \$17,000 worth of improvements. Limited funding will be made available by the Stewardship Council to facilitate the donation, including certain transfer-related costs. The County is proposing the Stewardship Council pay for the land transaction costs. Because funding for maintenance of the Bear River Campground is from the County General Fund, the County was careful to identify enhancements that would not increase the day to day maintenance costs. Please refer to the attached draft budget titled *Bear River Campground Watershed Parcel Acquisition and Enhancement Plan*.

There are many variables that affect the timing of this Project. The Stewardship Council does not expect that any of the substantive transactional negotiations for this area to commence prior to 2012. Work on enhancements would come after the transaction is complete, which could be as far out as 2013. Similarly, staff intends to take a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for allocation of the County Park Dedication Fees only after the Stewardship Council has recommended that Placer County receive this Property.

MAC RECOMMENDATION: On April 20, 2011, the Weimar, Applegate, Colfax Municipal Advisory Council (WACMAC) met to review this proposal along with a Park Dedication Fee funding request of \$82,000. The WACMAC voted to support the Project, however, the WACMAC recommended only \$40,000 of County Park Dedication Fees be approved. Claudia Booth, President of the Meadow Vista Trails Association (MVTA), attended the WACMAC meeting, offered the volunteer assistance of the MVTA to help remove the shed and construct the trail. Staff has revisited the budget and revised the requested amount of Park Dedication Fees to \$65,000. Volunteers have committed to contributing \$17,000 worth of improvements.

FISCAL IMPACT: The current balance in Recreation Area #3, City of Colfax Recreation Area is \$99,113.

MR:JR:DB

ATTACHMENT: BUDGET FOR BEAR RIVER CAMPGROUND WATERSHED PARCEL ACQUISITION AND ENHANCEMENT PLAN

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BEAR RIVER CAMPGROUND WATERSHED PARCEL ACQUISITION AND ENHANCEMENT PLAN

SHORT TERM IMPROVEMENTS

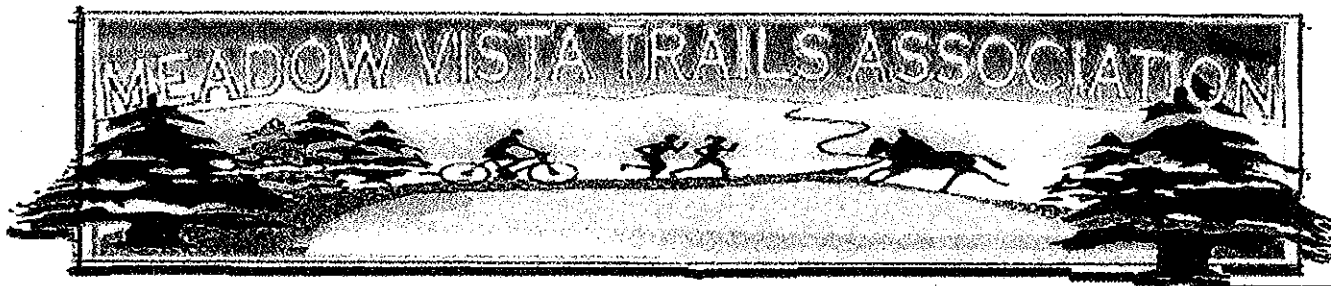
<u>AMENITY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>COST ESTIMATE</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>		
				<u>PARK DEDICATION FEES</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL</u>	<u>VOLUNTEER IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS</u>
Trail	Construct 1/2 mile of hard surfaced and natural surfaced multiple-use trails. Install bollards on trail, remove pipe gate.	.5 mile	\$ 30,000	\$ 20,000		\$ 10,000
Benches	Plastic covered steel, concrete pad, anchored down	2	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000		
Homestead	Remove 1 outbuilding, concrete, pipes, restore and re-grade area to natural condition	1 building, misc. materials	\$ 40,000	\$ 35,000		\$ 5,000
Signs	Directional & regulatory signage to protect the environment	5	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000		
Kiosk	Interpretive Kiosk	1	<u>\$ 7,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>		<u>\$ 2,000</u>
TOTAL			\$ 82,000	\$ 65,000	\$ -	\$ 17,000
Acquisition Costs	Property Management Division Administrative Work		\$ 20,000		\$ 20,000	

FUTURE POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

Bridge	Fiberglass to span 30' Pinecroft Spill Channel. Staff time, environmental rev, permitting, bidding process, proj mgmt	1	\$150,000			
Caretakers Campsite	Convert Existing Campsite to Caretakers Pad	1	\$ 40,000			
Equipment Shed	For cleaning supplies and small tools	1	\$ 15,000			

NOTE: COLFAX AREA PARK DEDICATION FEES: \$98,808

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April 19, 2011

Attention: Vanessa Parker-Geisman
Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council
1107 9th Street, Suite 501
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Placer County Land Stewardship Proposal for the Lower Drum Planning Unit of the Yuba-Bear River Watershed Area, Parcel #871

Dear Ms. Parker-Geisman

The Meadow Vista Trails Association supports Placer County's proposal for fee title ownership of 15 acres of property at the Bear River Campground known as the Lower Drum Planning Unit Area, Parcel #871. As our organization was formed to build, promote, and protect a trail network for the use of all community members, the efforts of Placer County in keeping this site a publicly-accessible recreational resource compliment our own work in the area. We have collaborated with the County to enhance local outdoor recreation for years and offer our commitment to continue to do so into the future.

Both the development boom and the recession that followed it have contributed to a reduction of public open space and well-maintained recreational facilities. Donation of this parcel to the County will help to ensure that this land remains an important asset to our community. Our body of volunteers will be available to assist the County with its trail-building and maintenance efforts for this parcel, bringing to bear our wide experience with other mixed-use trails in the area.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any other information.

Sincerely,

Claudia Booth,

President, Meadow Vista Trails Association

admin@mvtrails.org

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Placer Land Trust works with willing landowners and conservation partners to permanently preserve natural and agricultural lands in Placer County for future generations.



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May 2, 2011

Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council
Attention: Vanessa Parker-Geisman
1107 9th Street, Suite 501
Sacramento CA 95814

Dear Ms. Parker-Geisman:

The Placer Land Trust supports the Placer County Parks Division's Land Stewardship Proposal for fee title ownership of a portion of the property that the County currently leases at the Bear River Campground known as the **Lower Drum Planning Unit Area, Parcel #871**. Placer County has agreed to accept the donation of the watershed parcel in fee title and will contribute to the permanent protection of the watershed lands and the preservation and enhancement of the beneficial public values associated with the watershed lands.

Placer Land Trust understands the Stewardship Council will require a conservation easement on this property and that an entity separate from the title holder must receive and hold the conservation easement. Placer Land Trust expressed interest to the Stewardship Council to be a conservation easement holder in the Bear-Yuba planning unit and is willing to work with the Council and Placer County on a mutually agreeable resolution toward a conservation easement being placed on watershed parcel #871. This conservation easement will provide assurance that the parcel is protected consistent with the purpose of the PG&E Settlement Agreement and Stipulation.

Providing an opportunity for Placer County to acquire and enhance a portion of the Bear River Campground will be an excellent opportunity for Placer Land Trust, the County, and its residents – current and future – to protect the watershed land in perpetuity for the public good.

Please feel free to contact me at if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Jeff Darlington
Executive Director

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May 10, 2011

Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council
Attention: Vanessa Parker-Geisman
1107 9th Street, Suite 501
Sacramento CA 95814

Dear Ms. Parker-Geisman:

The Placer County Parks Commission supports the Placer County Parks Division's Land Stewardship Proposal for fee title ownership of a portion of the property that the County currently leases at the Bear River Campground known as the Lower Drum Planning Unit Area, Parcel #871. As the Parks Commission, we advise the Board of Supervisors on all issues related to public recreation and make recommendations to the Parks Division.

At a regular meeting of the Placer County Parks Commission held on May 10, 2011, we voted in support of the County's efforts to acquire this parcel in fee title, based upon the value to the community of the Bear River Campground and based upon the County's history of stewardship of the site as a tenant. We also voted to support the allocation of \$65,000 of County Park Dedication Fees which will be coupled with significant volunteer contributions to carry out the proposed enhancements to the watershed parcel.

Placer County's continued stewardship of this parcel will ensure protection of this piece of land, in perpetuity, for the public good. With public recreation funding currently low, the ability to acquire and improve the Bear River Campground will be an excellent opportunity for both the County and its residents, current and future.

Please feel free to contact me at 916.408.3870 or rgilman@neonsign.com if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Ronald Gilman
Chairman, Placer County Parks Commission

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April 22, 2011

Placer County Parks Commission
% John Ramirez
11476 C Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Park Commissioners,

The WACMAC agreed on a 4-0 vote to support sending a letter to the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council in support of Placer County's land stewardship proposal to receive 15 acres in fee title in order to preserve and enhance the watershed parcel.

In a subsequent 3-1 vote (Board Member David Wiltsee voting "no") the WACMAC recommended that the Parks Commission and the Board of Supervisors approve the request of the County Parks Division for \$40,000 of County Park Dedications Fees (not specifically from Recreation Area #3, City of Colfax Recreation Area), for enhancements to the 15 acre watershed parcel at the Bear River Campground.

Sincerely,

Don Adams, Chairman